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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
ADMINISTRATOR, DR. ROBERT SEAMANS

REF:

1. IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE WE HAVE CONVEYED DR.
SEAMAN'S SCHEDULE FOR HIS CALLS AT OECD. IN THE HOPES
THAT ONE OR MORE OF YOU WILL BE HAVING FUTURE CONTACT
WITH HIM BEFORE HE LEAVES WE WISH TO STRESS THE FOLLOW-
ING POINTS:

2. FIRST, SEAMANS' INTERLOCUTORS HERE AS WELL AS
NATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN MEMBER COUNTRY CAPITALS WILL
BE LOOKING FOR CLEAR INDICATIONS FROM HIM OF WHAT US
WANTS TO SEE EMERGE FROM ENERGY R&D HIGH-LEVEL MEETING,
AND SIGNAL THAT DR. SEAMANS WILL EXERCISE LEADERSHIP
AT THAT MEETING.

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3. SECOND, DR. SEAMANS MAY BE EXPOSED TO A CERTAIN

AMOUNT OF SPECIAL PLEADING ON BEHALF OF ENHANCED US CO-
OPERATION IN OECD-WIDE ENERGY R&D ACTIVITIES INCLUDING
MEMBERSHIP IN NEA. AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH DEPART-
MENT IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, ANY MOVE AT THIS TIME SIGNIFI-
CANTLY TO INCREASE OECD-WIDE COOPERATION (I.E. INCLUDING
FRENCH) WOULD UNDERCUT THE BASIC POSITION WE UNDERSTOOD
DEPARTMENT TO HAVE TAKEN, NAMELY THAT COOPERATION RE
ENERGY R&D IS PART OF OVERALL INTERLINKED NETWORK OF
BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS IN ENERGY FIELD EMBODIED IN IEA
AND THAT NO COUNTRY (READ FRANCE) HAS AN AUTOMATIC RIGHT
TO A LA CARTE COOPERATION IN ENERGY. THE FACT THAT SOME
RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NEA FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THE IEA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAMS IN
FACT ENCOURAGES ADVOCATES OF ONE OR ANOTHER ADMINISTRA-
TIVE ARRANGEMENT AIMED AT DEALING WITH TROUBLESOME OECD
BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEMS AND/OR DISPOSING OF AWKWARDNESS
VIS-A-VIS FRENCH. WE HOPE DR. SEAMANS IS THOROUGHLY
BRIEFED ON THIS IMPORTANT POLITICAL POINT OF OUR ENERGY
R&D COOPERATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS.
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